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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) 691,400 tons as pods or 518,550 tons as kernels."

" (b) Yes, Sir.

" (c) 31,584 tons of groundnut oil were allowed for export, but the export of groundnut kernel was not allowed. Nearly 2,000 licences were issued for exporting this quantity. Government do not have information regarding the names of the exporters. As no public interests are served, and as the time and labour involved in collecting this information will not be commensurate with the importance of the subject they consider that it is not worthwhile doing this."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Do the Government of India consult the Madras Government in regard to the period for which the export permit should be issued because it is the feeling in the States that export permits are issued long after the need for them have ceased and that such permits benefit only the capitalists and not the producers? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The Government of Madras have been looking into the question and have been forwarding their own suggestions as warranted by the situation to the Government of India."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" இரண்டாயிரம் லைசென்ஸ் கொடுக்கப்பட்டிருப்பதாக கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் அறிவித்தார். இரண்டாயிரம் லைசென்ஸ் வழங்கப்பட்டும் அவர்கள் ஏற்றுமதி செய்யாமல் லைசென்ஸை விற்பனை செய்கிறார்கள் என்பது சர்க்காருக்குத் தெரியுமா? ஏற்றுமதிக்கு ஏற்பாடு செய்வதை சில வெள்ளைக்காரக் கம்பெனிகள் தங்கள் கையில் வைத்திருக்கிறார்கள், அதை எடுத்து விட்டு ஏற்றுமதி செய்யும் கொள்கையை சர்க்காரே எடுத்துக்கொண்டு அவர்களே ஏற்றுமதிக்கு ஏற்பாடு செய்து அதனால் கிடைக்கக்கூடிய லாபத்தை விவசாயிகள் அடையும் முறையில் ஏற்றுமதி செய்யும் ஏற்பாட்டைச் செய்ய சர்க்கார் முன் வருவார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I shall further look into this aspect of the question. But I may tell the hon. Member that I do not think that it is practicable and absolutely necessary for the Government themselves to take up exports."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Do the Government make any suggestion or recommendation with regard to the names of the licensees to whom the export licences are granted? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" No, Sir."

Sultan Canal in Malabar

* 1161 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Sultan Canal in Madavi amsam, Chirakkal taluk, North Malabar, has not been repaired by the Government for the last 12 years : and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

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THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) & (b) No repairs were carried out to the canal for the past many years due to the uneconomic nature of the work. The Chief Engineer has, however, been asked to examine whether traffic is appreciable in the canal and whether it will justify the cost involved in taking up the work."

Higher Elementary School for Karuvarakkundu

* 1162 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) how many petitions the District Educational Officer, Kozhikode, Malabar, has received from Sri T. K. Gopalan, Karuvarakkundu, Ernad taluk, Malabar since 1952, requesting the Government to open a Higher Elementary School at Karuvarakkundu ; and

(b) the action taken by the Government on these petitions, if any?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) & (b) It is not the policy of the Government to open elementary schools. The hon. Member apparently refers to permission that the Education Department has to give to open such schools. It is reported that the proposal to open a Higher Elementary school at Karuvarakkundu was received late in the office of the Divisional Inspector of Schools, Coimbatore, and that the proposal was deferred. The proposal, if received in time next year in the office of the Divisional Inspector of Schools, will be considered on its merits."

Jassid attack on paddy crops.

* 1163 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the steps taken by the Government to check, prevent and cure the jassid attack on paddy crops;

(b) the experiments conducted and the results thereof ; and

(c) the cheapest and the most effective treatment suggested by Government?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) to (c) The information required by the hon. Member is given in the statement[a] placed on the table of the House."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" There is only one Plant Protection Officer in each district and with the large-scale jassid attack on paddy crops, these officers are not able to go round all the taluks and bring the attack under control. The number of sprayers available in the Taluk Demonstrator's office is very little

[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 173–174 infra.